

Ordinance No. 2020-03

Emergency Ordinance Regarding City Manager Licensing Authority, Utility Penalties, and Temporary Compensation and Leave Policies

The City of Minnetonka Ordains:

Section 1. Preamble

The Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019, commonly known as COVID-19, is a new strain of respiratory disease that has caused a worldwide pandemic and has resulted in a peacetime state of emergency on the national, state, and local levels. On March 16, 2020, Mayor Brad Wiersum declared a local state of emergency which the Minnetonka City Council consented to by adopting Resolution No. 2020-029. This emergency ordinance is an exercise of the regulatory power to meet a declared emergency given to the mayor and city council by Section 900 of the City Code.

Section 2. City-Issued Licenses

2.01. Suspension or Modification. The city manager is hereby authorized to suspend all city-issued licenses or modify licensure procedures for the duration of this emergency ordinance.

2.02. Exception. The city manager shall not suspend, or modify the procedure relating to, any licenses mandated or controlled according to state statutes unless authorized by the appropriate state authority.

Section 3. City Utility Penalties

3.01. Late Fees. Any late fees or related penalties associated with city-issued utility bills are hereby temporarily suspended for bills due in March, April, and May of 2020.

3.02 Termination of Service. The provisions of Section 1200.030 of the City Code which permit the termination of water service due to unpaid bills are hereby temporarily suspended for the duration of this emergency ordinance.

Section 4. Temporary Compensation and Leave Policies

It is necessary to adopt temporary compensation and leave policies in response to the current circumstances of the declared emergency. Such temporary policies, including continuing to pay employees rendered unable to work through no fault of their own, reduce the community spread of COVID-19, help to prevent the destabilization of the city workforce during the declared emergency, and contribute the local and state economy in this time of crisis. Accordingly, any temporary policies which the city manager may enact in response to the declared emergency serve a public purpose and are in the public interest.

Section 5. Effect.

This emergency ordinance supersedes inconsistent provisions of any resolution or ordinance, while this emergency ordinance is in effect.

Section 6. Duration.

This ordinance is effective immediately upon adoption and shall expire sixty-one (61) days after its effective date or upon the expiration of the emergency to which it relates, whichever comes first.

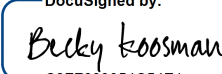
Adopted by the city council of the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota, on Monday, April 6, 2020.

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Brad Wiersum, Mayor

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Becky Koosman, City Clerk

Action on this Ordinance:

Date of introduction: April 6, 2020
Date of adoption:
Motion for adoption: Schack
Seconded by: Calvert
Voted in favor of: Calvert-Schaeppi-Coakley-Kirk-Schack-Carter-Wiersum
Voted against:
Abstained:
Absent:
Ordinance adopted.

Date of publication: Thursday, April 16, 2020

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the city council of the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota, at a meeting held on

Becky Koosman, City Clerk